

What is claimed is:

1. A method for partially plating on a base by the use of a plating catalyst comprising a coating process to coat a surface to be plated or not to be plated by means of a coating material selected from a water soluble polymer or hydrolyzable polymer either before or after a catalyst applying process to soak a container containing bases in a plating catalyst bath.
2. A method for partially plating on a base claimed in claim 1 in which the base is an assembly of a number of bases.
3. (Amended) A method for partially plating on a base claimed in claim 1 which comprises in order:
- (1) a roughing process to rough the base surface,
 - (2) a coating process to partially coat the roughed surface with a coating material selected from a water soluble polymer or hydrolyzable polymer,
 - (3) a catalyst applying process to apply a plating catalyst on the surface except an uncoated portion,
 - (4) a coated material removing process, and
 - (5) a plating process to plate on the catalyst applied surface.
4. (Amended) A method for partially plating on a base claimed in claim 1 which comprises in order:
- (1) a coating process to partially coat a roughed surface with a coating material selected from a water soluble polymer or hydrolyzable polymer,
 - (2) a roughing process to rough the base surface except a coated portion,
 - (3) a catalyst applying process to apply a plating catalyst on the roughed surface,
 - (4) a coated material removing process, and
 - (5) a plating process to plate on the catalyst applied surface.
5. (Amended) A method for partially plating on a base claimed in claim 3 in which a plating catalyst applying process and a coating material removing process are conducted at the same time.
6. (Amended) A method for partially plating on a base claimed in claim 1 which comprises in order:
- (1) a roughing process to rough the base surface,
 - (2) a catalyst applying process to apply a plating catalyst on the surface,

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~~(3) a coating process to partially coat the surface with a coating material selected from a water soluble polymer or hydrolyzable polymer,~~

~~(4) a plating process to plate on the surface except an uncoated portion, and~~

~~(5) a coated material removing process, or~~

7. (Amended) A method for partially plating on a base claimed in claim 1 which comprises in order:

(1) a roughing process to rough the base surface,

(2) a catalyst applying process to apply a plating catalyst on the surface,

(3) a plating process,

(4) a coating process to partially coat the surface with a coating material selected from a water soluble polymer or hydrolyzable polymer,

(5) a removing process to remove a plated layer except the coated portion, and

(6) a coated material removing process.

8. (Amended) A method for partially plating on a base claimed in any claim 1 in which a coating material is polylactate or a mixture or copolymer of polylactate as a main component with aliphatic polyester.

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